(*b*) if so, how much;

(*c*) whether any market facilities are provided for the same; and

(*d*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) & (*b*) No separate allotments have been made for grant of rebates on the sales of Pattimark Madras handkerchiefs. Rebates allowed in respect of the other varieties of handloom cloth will also be admissible for Madras Handkerchiefs.

(*c*) & (*d*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 2573 by Sri N. Ramakrishna Ayyar.

* 2573 *Q.*—SRI N. RAMAKRISHNA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of looms that are engaged in the production of handkerchiefs for export to African markets; and

(*b*) what steps the Government have taken or propose to take for clearing the stock of handkerchiefs that is accumulating?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) About 13,335 looms are engaged in the production of Madras Handkerchiefs spread over the Madras City, Chingleput and North Arcot districts.

(*b*) The handkerchiefs are produced mainly for African markets. The Government of India have been requested by this Government to take steps to facilitate the exports of the Madras handkerchiefs and to depute a Special Officer to West Africa and to other suitable foreign centres for studying the market and for opening emporia for sales of the kerchiefs.

* 2574 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the steps taken by the Government to encourage the sale of Madras handkerchief;

(*b*) whether any steps have been taken in consultation with the Government of India to open an emporium in South Africa: and

(*c*) whether any other profitable market outside Madras has been selected?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) to (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to starred question No. 2573 by Sri N. Ramakrishna Ayyar.

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SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : In view of the fact that there is now a very large demand for Madras-made handkerchiefs in New York and America, will the Government think of opening emporia in America?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not know what demand there is in America for the Madras handkerchiefs, but wherever there is demand, steps will be taken to arrange for sales.

Ayurvedic drugs and herbs

* 2575 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have established any institution—

(*a*) for research in Ayurvedic drugs; and

(*b*) for growing rare Ayurvedic herbs?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) No institution for reseach in Ayurvedic drugs has been established by the Government. But analysis of certain plants used in Ayurvedic drugs is being conducted by a Research Assistant attached to the Chemistry Department of the Presidency College under the supervision of the Professor of Chemistry of the College. Clinical research on Indigenous drugs is being done in the College of Indigeous Medicine and the Lady Willingdon Leprosy Sanatorium, Tirumani.

(*b*) The medicinal and essential oil plants are cultivated in the medicinal farm attached to the College of Indigenous Medicine at Arumbakkam.

Electricity licences for pumpsets

* 2576 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons granted licences for the use of electric power for their pumpsets in 1951–52 in Sathanpakkam village, Wallajapet taluk, North Arcot district ;

(*b*) how many such applications were for (1) temporary and (2) permanent periods ;

(*c*) how many were granted (1) temporary and (2) permanent licences ;

(*d*) the maximum period statutorily allowed for temporary periods ;

(*e*) whether one Sri M. Narasimhan was first granted a temporary licence and after 2½ years a permanent licence ;

(*f*) the date of issue of the temporary licence and the date of issue of the permanent licence ;